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SUBJECT: ZAIRE IN US PRESS

1. JUNE 1 EDITION OF NEW YORK TIMES CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE BY BERNARD GWERTZMAN ENTITLED "NATO WARNS SOVIET ITS MOVES IN AFRICA ENDANGER DETENTE" SUBTITLED "CARTER'S CONCERN REFLECTED BUT COMMUNIQUE MIRRORS WORRY OF SOME ALLIES THAT PRESIDENT EXAGGERATES ZAIRE PROBLEM". EXCERPT FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE WASHINGTON MAY 31 - THE LEADERS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE RESPONDED TODAY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET AND CUBAN MILITARY ACTIVITY IN AFRICA BY CAUTIONING MOSCOW THAT SUCH ACTIONS ENDANGERED DETENTE AND "CANNOT BUT JEOPARDIZE THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS."

BUT THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE OF THE TWO-DAY SUMMIT MEETING  
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OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION ALSO REFLECTED THE WORRY OF SOME COUNTRIES, INCLUDING BRITAN, DENMARK, NORWAY AND THE NETHERLANDS, THAT MR. CARTER MIGHT BE EXAGGERATING THE PROBLEM CAUSED MOST RECENTLY BY FIGHTING IN ZAIRE.

AS A RESULT, THE FINAL DOCUMENT WAS ALTERED AT THE LAST

MINUTE TO SAY THAT THE LEADERS ALSO STRESSED THAT SUCH SITUATIONS "SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED EXCLUSIVELY IN AN EAST-WEST CONTEXT AND REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACHED TO ENCOURAGING PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS THROUGH NEGOTIATION BY THE COUNTRIES AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THEMSELVES. UNQUOTE.

3. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT. VANCE

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